

## **REMARKS**

After entry of this response, Claims 1-12 remain pending in the present application. The specification and certain claims were objected to for various informalities. By the above amendments, these informalities have been obviated.

Claims 11-12 were allowed and Claims 1-8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Amendments have been made to the Claims. Specifically, with respect to Claim 1, the claim has been amended to clarify that the element being described is the implantable medical device.

With respect to Claim 9, the Examiner has rejected claim 9 and asserted that as the "means for hermetically sealing" is "vague." While Applicant disagrees, the claim has been amended to recite means for sensing a physical parameter disposed within a pin and means for hermetically sealing the pin.

Claims 9-10 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Brehier, U.S. Patent No. 5,000,179, (hereinafter "Brehier"). Applicant respectfully traverses. Claim 9, as amended, recites means for sensing a physical parameter disposed within a pin and means for hermetically sealing the pin.

The Brehier reference fails to teach or suggest these elements and accordingly, cannot anticipate the claim. Dependant claim 10 is allowable for the same or similar reasons.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned to expedite prosecution. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 18, 2007

/Daniel G. Chapik/  
Daniel G. Chapik  
Reg. 43,424  
Telephone: (763) 514-3066  
Customer No. 27581